## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Media Release**

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Georgia RoadWorks 2012 in Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham and White Counties...

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## **GA DOT LAUNCHES MORE THAN \$38 MILLION IN NEW WORK**

**GAINESVILLE** – Major transportation improvement projects all across the state have been initiated by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Three projects in Northeast Georgia were awarded for a total of \$6.6 million in new work. Statewide bids have been awarded for \$38.2 million in new work. In all, 22 new projects will mean mobility improvements for dozens of Georgia communities.

Georgia's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) will be extended further into **Forsyth County** on State Route 400 from McFarland Road to State Route 20. ITS includes cameras, overhead changeable message signs and connection to the Navigator System for real time traffic information. Ramp meters at the entrance ramps from SR 141 and SR 20 to SR 400. World Fiber Technologies of Alpharetta was awarded the contract for \$3,254,918.95 with a completion date of July 31, 2013.

State Route 400 from SR 306 in **Forsyth County** to SR 53 in **Dawson County** will be resurfaced by C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc. The project was awarded for \$3,254,918.95 and has a completion date of November 30, 2012.

State Route 255 in **Habersham and White Counties** will be resurfaced from SR 115 to SR 17 by C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc. The project was awarded for \$1,808,239.42 and has a completion date of May 31, 2013.

Construction on these newly awarded projects will likely begin late this fall. Additional information on other projects awarded today in the Department's June letting is available via: <a href="http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A120420.pdf">http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A120420.pdf</a>

The SR 347/Friendship Road widening project from I-985 to SR 211 in **Hall County** was not awarded to a contractor. Georgia DOT has deferred awarding the project pending EPD concurrence on the final project plans.

On Tuesday, July 31, voters will decide if 12 designated districts across Georgia will be authorized to collect a one-cent sales tax for the next 10 years to be devoted exclusively to local and regional transportation projects. Funds collected in a district could only be spent in that same district and only to move forward projects chosen by local elected officials. More than 1,600 such local projects throughout the state have been selected by city and county leaders. For further information on the important Transportation Referendum, please visit:

www.dot.ga.gov/transportationreferendum.